

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:778
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PALMOLEIN DISTRIBUTION THROUGH PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the distribution of RBD Palmolein through PDS has been stopped;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether import of RBD Palmolein by the State of Gujarat has declined drastically due to high import duty on it;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is considering to permit Gujarat Government to import 18,000 tonnes of crude palmolein through STC with 45 per cent duty under Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ);
- (e) if so, by when; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

- (a), (b) & (c): Following the easy availability of edible oils in the open market, it had been decided not to import edible oils for distribution through the Public Distribution System (PDS).
- (d), (e) & (f): No such proposal is under consideration.